

The Goodwill is proud to have served the Berkshire community for over 58 years. Many people recognize our stores and donate gently used goods. Many shop the Goodwill to find that hidden treasure. Our stores are like a seven-day-a-week community tag sale that is climate controlled. The stories we hear about the designer name clothing going for great prices make it fun. Then there is the practical side, as children grow so fast, the Goodwill always has something that will fit that next growth spurt. Having a party? No need for paper plates - stop in and get something nice for the same price, then you can always donate it back. No better place to keep your holiday decorations fresh and your home clutter-free, whether for Valentine's Day, Easter, Fourth of July, Thanksgiving or Christmas.

We, like many others in the Berkshires, think we live in one of the most beautiful places on earth. We want to be green and reduce our waste. Did you know Goodwill keeps tons of material out of the landfills by

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repurposing, reusing and recycling? We are always looking for new ways to reduce waste - starting this year the new program with Dell allows us to take in ANY old computer or peripheral and recycle it responsibly. For FREE.

There is much more to the Goodwill than just our donation centers, computer recycling and stores. This is just the tip of the iceberg.

Did you know the revenue from our stores and recycling program fund job training resources for our community?

People of all ages and walks of life encounter periods of time when obtaining employment becomes difficult. Goodwill's mission is to provide people the support to overcome any one of a number of "barriers to



work" through personalized assessments and job training. Our hands-on atmosphere builds not only the skills needed, but a sense of pride that is so important to the human spirit.

Goodwill mentoring and training programs include soft skill training such as time management, customer service and team work. Our latest program, Suit Yourself, helps job applicants understand that "First Impressions Matter", providing free interview and workplace attire, resume writing and interview coaching for those entering or re-entering the workforce.

We know that all the great services and products offered by fellow members of the Chamber need well-trained people to make them successful. When you are looking for a way to grow your business and need the people with the proper skills, think Goodwill.

To achieve our mission, Goodwill of the Berkshires depends on strong community partnerships. The Berkshire Chamber of Commerce offers us affordable marketing and advertising opportunities to promote our mission, reach donors, referral agencies and businesses with job opportunities for

our clients. As chamber members, we appreciate the many ways the chamber provides to interact and meet face-to-face with others - helping us maintain long term relationships and establish new relationships with business and non-profits throughout the Berkshires.

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Phone: 413-442-6627

160 Howland Ave (Rt 8), Adams MA

Phone: 413-743-8092

215 North St (Rt 7), Bennington VT

Phone: 802-442-4285

GOODWILL DONATION CENTERS:

At every store and Tyler St. Training Center - see web site for hours

On Saturdays, 10 AM - 2PM, Look for our donation truck at Berkshire Bank Parking Lot, Great Barrington

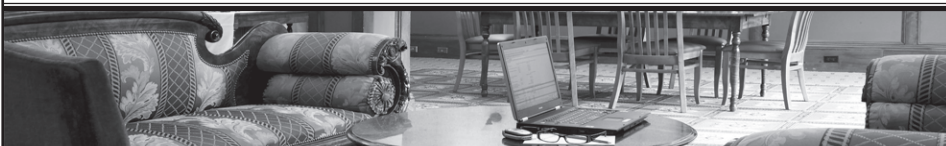
Applications for the 2012 Berkshire Leadership Program Due January 6th!



Applications for the **2012 Berkshire Leadership Program (BLP)** are due Friday, January 6, 2012. BLP seeks, prepares, involves and sustains leaders from diverse backgrounds who are committed and competent to address community challenges and improve the quality of life in the Berkshires.

For more information and to download and application, please visit www.berkshirechamber.com/blp or contact Ashley Sulock, Program Coordinator, at (413) 499-4000, x15 or asulock@berkshirechamber.com.

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